Golden IT Corridor

894. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his Ministry has received proposal for a project 'Golden IT Corridor' connecting the IT hubs in South India;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the details of the action taken by Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) Do not arise.

Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga rail link

†895. SHRI MANGANI LAL MANDAL: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that survey work of direct rail link between Muzaffarpur-Darbhanga under East Central Railway has been completed; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and by when the construction work on this would commence?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) As per survey, the cost of construction of 44.84 km. long line has been assessed as Rs. 281.30 crore. The project has been included in the Budget 2008-09 and would be taken up once Budget is passed by the Parliament.

Creation of new railway zones

896. SHRI K. CHANDRAN PILLAI: Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there are demand for creation of new railway zones pending with his Ministry;

(b) if so, the details of the demands, zone-wise;

(c) the criterion adopted for the creation of new zones; and

(d) the details of demands for new zones which are under consideration of his Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU): (a) Various representations for creation of new zones at different locations have been received from time to time. All of them have been examined in the light of the criteria fixed by the Railway Reforms Committee and Advisors' Committee and not found feasible. Accordingly, all the representations have been replied suitably.

(b) State-wise demands received are as under:

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.